

**ACTS Board Meeting
January 6, 2009**

Present: Sandy Nolan, George Watt, John Boddy, Vincent Lew, Frank Coenraad, Kathie Brown, Fr. Pat, Marilyn

Excused: Maria Lisowski, Katie Benning

Absent: Hal Kulm, Kerri Tonkin

1. The meeting opened with prayer by George at 6:33 p.m.
2. **Team Reports** - no one from the 2009 teams was present to give reports. Marilyn reported on registrations received to date - 4 Men, 3 Women and 3 Teens.
3. **Advent Event** - Saturday afternoons are a challenge for most families due to the many activities youth are involved in. After much discussion it was decided to move the ACTS gathering to a Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The event would run from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. and we could ask the K of C if they would be willing to provide a brunch meal. The events - a prayer service and blessing of the new directors, followed by a meal and music should all remain part of the celebration. The children's activity hosted by Katie was worth keeping but we might need to move it away from St. Peter's Hall - too many adults were coming in and out during the story time and it was distracting. Sandy suggested we hold two large gatherings each year - one in the fall and one in the spring.
4. **Newsletter** - there was discussion about the newsletter among the ACTS Board and ACTS Missions Board members. The Board members praised Lynne Clements for her hard work and initiative over the years. She sent out newsletters several months in a row inviting members to opt out of the hard copy of the newsletter, but many people are unaware that this is an option. We'll ask Lynne to remind members they can read the newsletter online and save us the postage of mailing a hard copy. We'd also like to see the website become the main method of communication. Lynne posts meeting minutes, updated retreatant and team lists and announcements of upcoming events. How can we encourage people to use the website to keep informed?
The board came to consensus on the following:
Newsletters will be MAILED quarterly. There can be a monthly update kept on the website but the hard copy of the newsletter itself will be limited to four mailings each year. ACTS members will be encouraged to opt out of receiving a hard copy and will be encouraged to visit the website regularly for updated information. The Board would like to see the electronic email mailings cease - other than a notification that the newsletter is online (hard copies would be provided for those without email). This would cut back on the amount of time Lynne has to spend updating email information.
We would like to utilize the website more effectively by posting coming events on a regular basis. This would include all retreat follow-up activities and events.
Newsletters will be mailed to community members in Juneau and southeast Alaska only. The website will provide a link to Wasilla's website if they have one. Sandy has corresponded with Tom Peterson about when out of state members are dropped from the

mailing list. In order to keep costs down the Texas community stopped sending the Juneau members newsletters after two years. We will encourage new communities, like the Anchorage/Wasilla communities to start their own website and newsletter and to maintain contact with the ACTS Missions Board regularly. Some members have complained about receiving emails from Wasilla and would like to be taken off the email list. They will be advised how to do this.

What does Lynne need from the Board in order to help the community focus on the website as the main tool for communication? We will ask her.

Lynne also moderates the JuneauACTS group at yahogroups.com and does a great job keeping people informed that way. We can also use that list to get the word out about the website being the source of information and newsletter articles.

5, 6. Retreat follow-up/Prayer and Faith Sharing Events for Lent - Kathie and Kerri have been working on ideas for keeping ACTS members engaged after a retreat - especially those who do not go on to serve on team. We will send a notice out on the JuneauACTS group asking for information on Juneau faith sharing groups, classes, adult ed opportunities, Lenten activities, book clubs, etc. and once the list is compiled we'll send it out. People will be able to join a faith sharing group or attend Centering Prayer classes, attend a Stations of the Cross and soup and bread supper on a Lenten Friday, etc. They can participate in a one-time event or an ongoing event, according to their schedules and needs. Marilyn will send the initial email out and put contact information for Kathie and Kerri. Kathie will join the JuneauACTS group in the meantime. Kathie also asked about holding reunions - gathering the list of team and retreatants from a specific retreat year and inviting them to attend a reunion! Marilyn will work on compiling a list for the next meeting.

7. Agenda for next meeting - George - 2010 dates - he'll see if the men can hold their retreat later in the spring - preferably after the snow has melted!

2009 Directors - reports

Follow-up activities update

Retreat reunion name lists

8. We closed with prayer at 7:45

Our next ACTS Board meeting is Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in classroom #4